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Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 4 nays, 13 not voting.

SPEAKER: What do you care to do with the bill?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I move LB 588 be advanced to Enrollment and Review for engrossing.

SPEAKER: Is there any other discussion? The question is, shall LB 588 be advanced to E & R for engrossment? All in favor indicate by the usual sign. Opposed. Motion carries. We will now return to General File and LB 447.

CLERK: LB 447 introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by the members thereof. Read title. There are no Committee amendments or other amendments pending.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Our first motion is to advance LB 447 to E & R Initial. There are four areas involved in this bill. This has to do, basically, with the operation of the State Purchasing Agent. The first change you will find on the top of Page 3 where it states in the old language that in order to be a Purchasing Agent you can't have been involved in any activities connected with purchasing during the past two years which means that we hire somebody for purchasing who is cold in this area, hasn't done anything, in the previous two years, and it has been changed to state, in effect, he shall not be at any time during his term of office connected, interested or otherwise concerned directly or indirectly with any person, et cetera, having to do with business with the state. That is the first change. The second change has to do with the bottom of Page 3 in regard to trade-ins. At the moment the Purchasing Agent is denied this alternative in conducting state business. This would allow him, in the new language on lines 21, 23 to accept trade-ins when it is to the advantage of the state according to his judgment. The third item has to do with, on Page 4, section 8, is that rather than do the research himself, the State Purchasing Agent can use the work that has been done by the federal General Services Administration in regard to items without competitive bidding and the fourth item which you find on the bottom of Page 5 legalizes direct purchases by the agency if the cost is less than \$35. This is the rule of thumb in use at the moment. This puts it into specific language and the fifth item is on Page 6 which allows political subdivisions of state government to have the opportunity to use surplus property before it is put up to private bid. Those are the five major activities in regard to the office of State Purchasing Agent, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Is there any discussion? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Marvel, I'd like as complete an